

# News of Soldiers and Sailors

## Yanks and Legionaires.

American Legion posts total 8,475. The salary of General John J. Pershing is \$13,500 a year.

There are no honorary memberships in the American Legion.

A net profit of \$508,899.79 was made by the Y. M. C. A. canteens during the war.

Only three men are listed as "missing in action" in the A. E. F. during the world war.

The United States government has 487,003 classified draft deserters on file at Washington.

Approximately 5,000 Indians throughout the United States enlisted to fight against Germany.

Of the 4,831 members of the A. E. F. who married abroad 1,060 were officers and 3,771 enlisted men.

More than 12,000 new millionaires were created in this country in four years of the European war.

Of the 10,246 army nurses who saw services overseas 266 died while on duty and three were injured in action.

About 13,000 United States troops are still on duty at the American bridgehead on the Rhine (Coblenz), Germany.

The honor roll of Americans who died in the war is made up of 107,952 soldiers, 6,800 sailors and 3,657 marines.

Medals awarded to soldiers, sailors and marines who participated in the world war cost approximately \$5,000,000.

At the time of the armistice, the American army was holding 21 per cent of the front line, the British 18 per cent.

The American Legion is the first association of war veterans in the history of the country to be incorporated by act of congress.

There were 64,428 members of the B. P. O. Elks in the military service during the war, and of this number 1,037 were killed in battle.

Members of Lloyd C. Hill post of the American Legion, at Morenci, Arizona, have pledged themselves to wear their army, navy or marine uniforms until prices are lowered.

Stenographic and typist jobs for former service men are open in Washington. Entrance salaries range from \$1,000 to \$1,200 a year, with the \$20 a month bonus authorized by congress.

Wyoming was considered the healthiest state in the matter of acceptance for military service of men examined in the draft. Eighty-seven per cent of her men were found fit for duty.

**Forced Inheritance.** During the battle of Paschendale a seriously wounded Gordon Highlander was brought into one of the Canadian dressing stations. The surgeon noticed he was wearing a fine gold wrist watch. "Where did you get that, Scotty?" he asked.

Scotty merely smiled at the time, but, on being told that the chances were against him, he later confided the story to the doctor.

"I took a Heine prisoner who was wearin' yon watch. 'Will ye gie me it' I askit him. He shookit his heed. I askit him the second time. He shookit his heed again. 'For the third and last time, as a gentleman?' I sez, 'will ye gie me that watch?' Heine shookit his heed."

"But you got it?"

"Weel, efter that I simply inherited it."

**Soldier Bonus Approved in House.** WASHINGTON.—Soldier relief legislation with probable provision for a cash bonus, funds for which would be raised by sales of luxuries taxes, was approved by the house ways and means committee by a vote of 15 to 6. Details of the bill to be recommended will be worked out by sub-committees to be appointed Monday.

Members of the committee hope to obtain final action by the house before the contemplated recess for the national political conventions, but they express doubt when action by the senate could be had at this session.

Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, republican leader, after a conference with other senate republicans as to future legislation in the senate, said he thought this would include a bill to give a money bonus to former service men with provisions for a special tax to raise the necessary funds. The program approved by the house committee declares against bond issue. It is understood to have been submitted to Representative Longworth, republican, Ohio and was discussed at great length in executive session.

While the exact form of the legislation was not decided upon committee discussion was said to have indicated approval of a plan of extending vocational education as an alternative to the cash bonus. These two plans are a part of the American Legion's program. Its other selected plan of government aid to soldiers and sailors for building homes or obtaining ownership of farms were said by some members of the committee to involve too many difficulties to be worked out by legislation before the recess.

Spokesmen for the committee said it was planned to have the final draft of the legislation ready for submission to the house within a fortnight. It was said that there had been no decision as to whether the bonus would be paid in a lump sum or be graduated according to the length of service of each individual.

The program is understood to have the approval of the republican leaders of the house assuring early consideration for it.

## HE KNEW HIM

"What do you mean, young man," asked the merchant of the boy, "by counting your change so carefully? Are you afraid that I would cheat you?"

"I don't know," replied the boy. "I'm just making sure that you won't—I used to caddle for you at the golf club."

## Ex-Service Man Can Prove Up in One Year.

According to information from Washington, D. C., received by Adjutant D. W. Windes, of the American Legion, the preference rights accorded to ex-service men to homesteads on the recently restored 360,000 acres of re-vested Oregon and California railroad lands, provide that ex-service men may have their terms of service in the army or navy for a period of not exceeding two years deducted from the regular homestead residence requirements of three years. In this way a man who has had two years' service in the army or navy will have to complete only one year homestead residence of three.

The house joint resolution of February 14, provides that soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the war with Germany and who have been honorably discharged or placed in the regular army or naval reserve, shall have a preference right for a period of 60 days under the homestead laws, except as against prior existing preference rights on public lands opened to entry in May.

No new application for these lands will be received from anyone but an ex-service man until the expiration of the 60-day period from the opening during which time the ex-service men have preferred rights.

Let "Hindy's" Portrait Stay. (From "Leaves From a Coblenz Dairy," by Louis Graves in the Atlantic Monthly.)

"Wilhelm Stieffel, the merchant, was telling me of the American lieutenant who lives on the second floor of his house. For three years Wilhelm has had hanging at the head of the stairs, just outside the lieutenant's room, a fine painting of Field Marshal von Hindenburg. Desiring to do everything possible to win the American's good will, my friend asked him if he would like to have the portrait removed. Of course, a German officer in a like situation, would never permit an enemy general's image to be kept to stare him in the face several times a day. But the lieutenant laughed gleefully as he declined the offer.

"Lord, no," he said, "let the old boy stay there if you want to. Rather like it myself. Every time I look at him it makes me think of the day we had such a fine romp across the Hindenburg line."

Such impertinence is typical of them, and shows their lack of respect for greatness.

**The Old Scythe Tree.** Some of you perhaps, have heard of the "Old Scythe Tree" which stands on a farm in New York state between the cities of Syracuse and Geneva, and which people sometimes motor miles out of their way to see.

Years ago when our civil war first broke out, a boy was mowing under this tree, and when he heard news of the war, he flung his scythe across a branch of the old tree and ran to the house to tell his mother he was going to fight for his country, and bid her goodbye.

"I left my scythe in the old button-wood," he cried as he hurried away. "Leave it there till I come back, for I'll be back all right," he added cheerfully, and was gone.

But he didn't come back, although his mother waited and hoped and waited. The years passed, the family moved away, and the old tree, growing quite large, grew around the blade of the scythe, whose handle had decayed and dropped off long ago.

But the people who moved on the farm had heard the mother's wish that that tree would always stand in memory of her son, and so they left it; and there today you see part of the blade showing, and above it flies an American flag that the owners keep waving there in honor of the boy who gave his life for his country so long ago.

All the children of the countryside know the story, and if you ever travel that way you can find many who will like to tell you the story, as perhaps their mothers or grandmothers told it to them, but we know it is a true one, and the end of the scythe's blade gleaming dully in the shade of the old buttonwood is ample proof of it.

**Reserve Furloughs.** The secretary of war has directed commanding officers to furlough to the regular army reserve by March 31, 1920, all men enlisted prior to April 2, 1917, who have completed their prescribed period of active service, who are not under court-martial charges and who desire such furlough. This action will be effected according to the following schedule:

(a) All men who have completed six years' active service will be furloughed by February 29, 1920.

(b) All men who have completed five years' active service will be furloughed by March 10, 1920.

(c) All men who have completed four years' active service will be furloughed by March 20, 1920.

(d) All men who have completed three years' active service where only three years' active service is required by the terms of their enlistment, will be furloughed by March 31, 1920.

**He Came Close.** The eight-year vampire spied a debutante with two youths in West Point uniforms.

"Oh, look mother!" she cried. "Look at the girl with a cravat on each side of her!"

**Of Vital Interest To Ex-Service Men.** The following received by Ernest A. Love Post, American Legion, is published at the request of the commandeer of that post:

The service and information branch, office of the assistant to the secretary of war, has undertaken to find out if can be of assistance to any soldier, sailor or marine who served in the world war. This is not a new service by any means, but just another way of getting in close touch with those who might be having trouble in the

## SKETCH OF POSSIBLE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Some time ago a number of republican newspapers published brief biographies of prominent republicans who are aspirants for the presidential nomination or who are being urged by their admirers as suitable persons for the nomination. For the information of our readers we take pleasure in presenting herewith a brief biography of each of the men generally considered a possible nominee on the democratic ticket:

**BRYAN, WILLIAM JENNINGS.**—Age, 60. Born, Salem, Illinois. Home, Lincoln, Nebraska. Graduated from Illinois College 1881, A. B.; 1884, A. M.; Union College of Law, Chicago, 1883, LL. B. Occupation, publicist; member congress 1891-1895; delegate national convention 1896; nominee for president 1896, 1900 and 1908; secretary of state March 4, 1913-June 9, 1915, resigned.

**GERARD, JAMES WATSON.** Age, 53. Born, Geneseo, New York. Graduated from Columbia, 1890, A. B.; 1891, A. M.; New York Law School 1892, LL. B. Occupation, lawyer; associate justice N. Y. supreme court 1908-1913; ambassador to Germany 1915-1919; democratic nominee for U. S. senate while absent in Berlin 1914.

**HITCHCOCK, GILBERT MONELL.** Age, 60. Born, Omaha, Nebraska. Graduated from University of Michigan, 1881, LL. B.; educated in Omaha and Baden-Baden, Germany; occupation, editor; member of congress, 1903-1915; U. S. senator, 1911-1923.

**HOOVER, HERBERT CLARK.** Age, 46. Born, West Branch, Iowa. Graduated from the Leland Stanford Jr. University, 1895, B. A. Occupation, mining engineer; U. S. geological survey, 1895; engaged in mining and other corporate undertakings in Australia and China, 1897-1901; managing engineer British mining companies 1902-1914, with headquarters in London; European relief work, 1914-1916; food administrator, 1917-1919.

**McADOO, WILLIAM GIBBS.** Age, 56. Born near Marietta, Georgia. Educated University of Tennessee. Occupation, lawyer; deputy clerk, U. S. circuit court Tennessee, 1882; admitted to bar, 1885; president, director of Hudson and Manhattan Railroad company; delegate democratic national convention, Baltimore, 1912; vice-chairman national committee, 1912; secretary of the treasury 1913-1919; director-general of railways 1917-1919.

**PALMER, A. MITCHELL.** Age, 48. Born, Moosehead, Pennsylvania. Graduated from Swarthmore College, 1891, A. B.; admitted to bar in 1893; member congress 1909-1915; Judge U. S. court of claims, 1915; alien property custodian 1917; member of executive committee democratic national committee, 1912-1920; attorney general, 1919-1920.

**UNDERWOOD, OSCAR W.** Age, 58. Born, Louisville, Kentucky. Home, Birmingham, Alabama. Occupation, lawyer; educated, Rugby School, Louisville, and University of Virginia; Chairman democratic executive committee, Ninth district Alabama 1892; congress 1895-1915; U. S. senator, term 1915-1921.

**WILSON, WOODROW.** Age, 63. Born, Staunton, Virginia. Home, Princeton, New Jersey; graduated from Davidson College, 1874; Princeton, 1879, A. B.; 1882, A. M.; University of Virginia in law, 1881; College professor 1885-1910; governor of New Jersey 1911-1913; president 1913-1921.

## A LONG WAIT

Mother—"Why don't you get on with your dinner, Olive?"  
Olive—"I'm waiting for the mustard to get cold, mother."

## SHIMMY JIMMY

Say, editor man, if you'll gimme A pencil, I'll write about Jimmy. Who, not worth a snap As a laboring chap, Was a bearcat at jazz and at shimmy. —Cartoons Magazine.

adjustment of their accounts with the government.

We will be more than pleased to have you take up any of the following matters with us and will endeavor to secure prompt action on every case presented: Address Captain H. C. Billings, in charge Western District, War Dept., 809 Flood Building, San Francisco, California.

(Note: Give full information in each case separately, showing when and where you entered the service, your rank, company, organization, serial number, where stationed, when and where discharged, present address and any other information pertinent to the case.)

1. Have you received a proper discharge?

2. Have you received your bonus of \$60?

3. Have you received your full travel pay of five cents per mile?

4. Have you received your lost baggage?

5. Have you received the Liberty Bonds that your subscribed for while in the service?

6. Were the allotments deducted from your pay paid to the proper persons and in the proper amounts?

7. Do you wish any information regarding the conversion of your insurance?

8. If your insurance has lapsed, do you wish to have it reinstated?

9. Were you disabled in the service?

10. If so, are you drawing compensation for disability?

11. Are you in need of any medical care or treatment?

12. If disabled, do you wish to take vocational education?

13. Are you out of employment? button, issued by the government? buttons, issued by the government?

15. Is not, do you wish one?

16. Do you know of any tubercular soldiers?

17. If so, please give his name and address.

18. Do you know of any insane soldier or sailor?

19. If so, please give his name and address.

Give your present address. Name, street, city and state.

# Now for the Men

Our lady customers showed so much appreciation of our big clean-up sale of Ladies' Shoes, that we have decided—to prevent hard feelings—to offer some

EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS IN

## Shirts and Collars

for the men. These are real bargains. They save you real money. The Shirts and Collars listed below are all stylish and of standard, well-known brands. Until they're all gone, we offer—

	Reg. Value.	Special Price.
38 dozen Men's Soft White Linen Collars, all sizes	35c	20c, 2 for 35c
52 dozen Men's Soft White Linen Collars, Arrow brand, all sizes	35c;	20c, 2 for 35c
29 dozen Men's Stiff White Linen Arrow Collars, all sizes	25c;	18c, 2 for 35c
288 Men's Percalé, Madras and Silk Fibre Shirts; Merit, E. & W., Herndon and Arrow brands, sizes 15½ to 17½. Regular values \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00. Special at		\$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50

## LADIES HIGH SHOES

We still have about 100 pairs of these High Shoes left. Hundreds of ladies bought here during the last week, in every case at less than wholesale prices. Here are some that we have left—

Black lace, real value	\$ 9.00, sale price \$ 4.25
Black button, real value	9.00, sale price 4.25
Brown lace, real value	12.50, sale price 5.98
Black lace, cloth top, real value	8.50, sale price 4.00
White leather lace, real value	12.00, sale price 5.98
Tan leather, real value	10.00, sale price 5.39
Black kid lace, real value	9.50, sale price 5.20
Gray kid lace, real value	15.00, sale price 10.25
Black kid lace, real value	13.50, sale price 7.30
Black kid lace, real value	13.50, sale price 7.48
Calf lace, real value	8.50, sale price 5.15
Dark brown lace, real value	16.00, sale price 11.25
Brown lace, real value	15.00, sale price 10.79
Field mouse, extra high lace	17.00, sale price 12.35
Patent vamp, field mouse top, lace	17.00, sale price 12.35
White kid lace, real value	15.00, sale price 10.79
Black kid lace, real value	12.50, sale price 6.82
Mahogany kid lace, real value	14.50, sale price 10.49

## WE STILL HAVE A FEW PAIRS OF LADIES' OXFORDS AND PUMPS

left, which we are closing out at less than present wholesale cost.

## Buy Now, Before They're Gone

# The Dresswell Shop

## A FREAK ACCIDENT IN BIG ROAD RACE

The unbelievable amount of punishment sustained by automobile tires in speed races when wheels are revolving at the rate of 25 times a second when the car is making 100 miles an hour, is not appreciated by the average racing fan.

A remarkable incident in the Los Angeles race brings this point out in a striking manner. Art Klein was leading the field on the 188rd mile,

clearing the air at 104 miles an hour. Suddenly his right rear wheel collapsed, the steel spokes being sheared off close to the rim. Rearing wildly, the car screeched crazily about on the remains of the wheel, but the fully inflated Goodyear cord tire, perfectly mounted, swept on down the track at terrific speed in the direction the car had been taking. When it finally came to a stop, it was found uninjured.

This is the first time that such a freak performance, demonstrating the ruggedness of tires, has ever been witnessed during a race.

## NOTHING DOING

Teacher (to party of school children visiting museum) — "Here, children you see the statue of Minerva." Tommy (after gazing at statue for a few minutes) — "Please, mum, was Minerva married?" Teacher (smilingly, patting Tommy's head) — "No, my child; Minerva was the Goddess of Wisdom."

The Sun's job printing has a distinctive appearance.